निर्णय लेते तो हमारे देश से पावर्टी समाप्त हो जाएगी। तो वह कौन सा प्रोसैस एडाप्ट कर रहे हैं पीपुल्स पार्टिसिपेशन का, यह मैं जानना चाहता हूं ?

SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ: Sir, there is a clear-cut policy to immediately start the process of passing the Panchayati Raj Bill. Secondly, we have to develop a national grid for developing the voluntary organizations and monitor their working for the emancipation of the rural poor. Then, the cooperative movement has to be strengthened. This is the thrust of the implementation of the Eighth Plan. This is going to the NDC very shortly and we will implement this.

SHRI M. PALANIYANDI: Sir, they have omitted the elected members of the Legislature for participation in the implementation of the programme. In the poverty alleviation programmes also they are not taking the members of the legislature as well as Members of Parliament. I want to know whether the Government would come forward to associate them also with the implementation of these programmes.

SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ: Definitely, Sir, the elected representatives will have to be given their due say in the planning process.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Declining Percentage of Per Capita Income in Rajasthan

*181. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the percentage of per capita income of Rajasthan is declining in comparison to national average; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Recommendation of the Standing Committee of the SAARC Countries

*186. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Standing Committee of the SAARC has recommended consultations with the ASEAN, E. C. and ADB before the next SAARC Summit;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it had suggested U.N. Cooperation in SAARC projects in core economic areas; and

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government of India holds the view that cooperation between SAARC and external organisations should be based on SAARC's own initiatives and requirements.

Diplomatic Missions without Heads

*187. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several of our diplomatic missions abroad have been without full-fledged Heads for quite some time;

(b) if so, what is the list of such missions and for how long these have been without a proper Head; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor and what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) The missions where HOMs post is presently vacant are as follows :

Sl. No.	Country	Date since vacant
1	Argentina	3-4-1992
2	Germany	1-11-1991
3	Laos	1-4-1992
4	Nigeria	22-3-1992
5	Sudan	13-12-1991
6	Syria	26-6-1991
7	Yugoslavia	1-1-1992
8	Indonesia	25-2-1992
9	Sweden	7-1-1992

The processing of filling up the vacant posts of Heads of Missions is underway Candidates for filling in all the above posts now stand selected and their approval by the receiving government is awaited.

Establishing Diplomatic Relations with more Countries

*188. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : SHRI SOM PAL :

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are several countries with whom India do not have regular diplomatic relations;

(b) if so, what are the names of those countries;

(c) what are the reasons for not having formal regular diplomatic relations with these countries;

(b) whether Government propose to set up missions in these countries in the near future; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Among the member countries of United Nations India does not have formal regular diplomatic relations only with the following 8 countries :

1. Federal States of Micronesia
2. Fiji
3. Haiti
4. Honduras
5. Liechtenstein
6. Marshall Islands
7. South Africa
8. Dominican Republic

(c) to (e) With Fiji, diplomatic relations were severed in 1989, due to that Government's discriminatory policies against Fijians of Indian origin. With the other countries, India's bilateral relations are monitored and whenever it is deemed in national interest, formal diplomatic ties would be established.

Early delimitation of constituencies

*189. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA : Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that Delimitation Commission is likely to take quite some time to complete its work; if so, the time likely to be taken by it;

(b) whether Government propose to take any immediate steps for the delimitation of constituencies; and

(c) if so, the details of the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI K. VIJAYA BHASKARA REDDY) : (a) to (c) At present there is a Constitutional embargo on fresh delimitation of constituencies until the publication of population figure of the census following the year 2000. The Constitution (Seventy-first Amendment) Bill, 1990 seeks to provide for readjustment of constituencies without affecting the total number of seats allocated to various States on the basis of 1971 census. This Bill has already been passed by this House and presently stands referred to a Select Committee of the Lok Sabha. In view of the existing